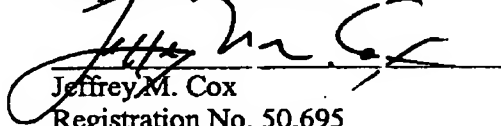


Remarks

By this amendment, the first paragraph including the priority information has been amended, and claims 1-15 are canceled. Examination on the merits of the instant application is respectfully requested.

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